

April 13, 2015
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session April 13, 2015 in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bob Stephens. A prayer was given by Doug Burlison.

Roll Call

Present: Jan Fisk, Cindy Rushefsky, Craig Hosmer, Doug Burlison, Jerry Compton, Mike Carroll, Craig Fishel, and Bob Stephens. Absent: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Minutes

The minutes of March 23, 2015, March 27, 2015, and March 31, 2015 were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda One Reading and Second Reading bills were finalized and approved as presented.

Councilman Compton moved to add Council Bill 2015-104 under Emergency Bills. Councilman Burlison seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Anita Cotter, Acting City Clerk, informed Council that Council Bill 2015-104 would become item 18.5 under Emergency Bills.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

City Managers report and responses to questions raised at the previous City Council meeting:

Greg Burris, City Manager, responded all questions had been answered.

Mr. Burris noted City Council and the Greene County Commission will meet tomorrow to discuss Law Enforcement and the Criminal Justice System. He added the meeting will be held at noon at the Public Safety Center Training Room, 330 W. Scott. The meeting is open to the public. Mr. Burris noted Chris Coulter, Greene County Administrator, Paul Williams, Police Chief, Jim Arnott, Sheriff, and Dan Patterson, Prosecuting Attorney would join him in a presentation looking at all of the “pressure points” in the current system. Mr. Burris noted one of the current challenges is the recent closure of the Greene County Jail to municipal prisoners. He added a letter was received from Sheriff Arnott stating his intention to no longer accept municipal prisoners, due to overcrowding. Mr. Burris noted the impact of the closure would not only affect the Police force and Municipal Court, but also the entire community. He added staff is confident they can work with the County to find a workable solution.

Mr. Burris noted Council approved a resolution on the Consent Agenda this evening that states Council supports Missouri Senate Bill 540, which offers a six-cent increase in the state fuel tax over the next three years. He added staff believes that helping to alleviate the Missouri Department of Transportation’s (MoDOT’s) transportation funding crisis could have a positive impact on the

community. Mr. Burris noted if this, or some similar solution, fails to pass, MoDOT will implement the “Missouri 325 Plan”, which provides for maintaining only 8,000 miles of its 26,000 miles of roads. He added Springfieldians could see a significant difference in the condition of MoDOT roads through the City if the 325 plan is implemented.

Mr. Burris expressed his appreciation to Councilmembers Doug Burlison, Mike Carroll, Jerry Compton, and Cindy Rushefsky for their many years of dedicated volunteer service to the community.

Mr. Burris noted a protest petition was received on Council Bill 2015-067, but it was not deemed sufficient.

Mr. Burris introduced Pete Radecki, Chair of the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC), to give a brief overview of that group. He noted Phyllis Ferguson is the Co-Chair of the group, which is made up of residents who represent the many neighborhood associations in the City.

Mr. Radecki expressed his appreciation to Councilwoman Rushefsky for all she did to assist in the creation of this group. He also expressed his appreciation to Council for their support of the NAC and all of the events they have held. He expressed his appreciation to Councilman Compton for attending the NAC meetings and providing support to the group.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading Bills:

HUD Five-Year Consolidated Plan

Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-064. A resolution adopting a new Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2019 in order to continue receiving entitlement funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2015-064. Resolution 10206 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Councilman Burlison moved to refer the issue of the employment of offenders to a committee for review. Anita Cotter, Acting City Clerk, informed Councilman Burlison that the “Ban the Box” issue is on this agenda to be referred to the Community Involvement Committee for review. Councilman Burlison withdrew his motion.

Councilman Burlison moved to suspend the rules and hear as an emergency issue, Council Bill 2015-056. Councilwoman Rushefsky seconded the motion and it was discussed.

Councilman Burlison urged his fellow Councilmember’s to bring this issue to a vote this evening.

Councilwoman Rushefsky noted she would vote for the proposed because she does not like the way the issue is being handled currently, and feels the proposal the Health Department is currently working on will make the need for a breed

specific ordinance obsolete.

Mayor Stephens noted he would be voting in opposition of the proposed. He expressed concern as to “what would be left” if the aforementioned ordinance failed.

Councilman Burlison noted Council Bill 2015-056 has no effective date, which could give the Health Department enough time to finish their proposal.

The motion failed by the following vote: Ayes: Burlison and Rushefsky. Nays: Fisk, Hosmer, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

2015 Community Development Block Grant

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2015-065. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to make application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds under the Consolidated Plan; to exercise any and all powers necessary to obtain such funding and implement selected projects; and to select projects for funding for the City of Springfield Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (Staff and Citizen Advisory Committee for Community Development recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2015-065. Special Ordinance 26545 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Rezoning: North of Chase Street, West of Washington Street, South of Atlantic Street, and East of Broadway Avenue

Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-067. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 1-1600, Zoning Maps, by rezoning approximately 24 acres of property, generally located north of Chase Street, west of Washington Street, south of Atlantic Street and east of Broadway Avenue, from an R-SF, Single-Family Residential District and R-TH, Residential Townhouse District to R-SF, Single-Family Residential District and R-TH, Residential Townhouse District with a Live/Work Overlay District No. 1. (Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.) (By: City of Springfield; Woodland Heights Neighborhood; Z-13-2015, Live/Work Overlay District No. 1.)

Council Bill 2015-067. General Ordinance 6181 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Travel Trailer, Camper, Recreational Vehicle and Other Trailer Parking

Sponsor: Burlison. Council Bill 2015-068. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Article I, Zoning Ordinance, Section 1-1323, Travel Trailer, Camper, Recreational Vehicle, and Other Trailer Parking, and Section 4-1500, R-MHC, Manufactured Home Community District, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow recreational vehicle (RV) parks in the R-MHC District. (Both Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.)

Councilman Burlison asked if there is a law in place to require maintenance and upkeep on these vehicles. Dan Wichmer, City Attorney, responded there is a

law in place if the vehicles are being driven, but not if they are parked.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the Dangerous Building Ordinance would apply to these vehicles. Mr. Wichmer responded affirmatively, if the vehicle is being used as a structure that people inhabit.

Councilman Hosmer asked what the motive was for the proposed. Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, responded the owner of a mobile home park on Nature Center Way asked for the change because they have been providing parking for temporary housing for the people working on the Highway 60/65 interchange. Councilman Hosmer asked if other municipalities offer this. Ms. Smith responded affirmatively.

Council Bill 2015-068. General Ordinance 6182 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: Hosmer and Rushefsky. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Rezoning: 1858 and 1866
East Cairo Street**

Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-069. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 1-1600, Zoning Maps, by rezoning approximately 0.46 acres of property, generally located at 1858 and 1866 East Cairo Street, from an R-TH, Residential Townhouse District, to an HC, Highway Commercial District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 89; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.) (By: Great Southern Bank; 1858 and 1866 East Cairo Street; Z-11-2015 & Conditional Overlay District No. 89.)

Council Bill 2015-069. General Ordinance 6183 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Rezoning: 1859 and 1863
East Walnut Street**

Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-070. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 1-1600, Zoning Maps, by rezoning approximately 0.33 acres of property, generally located at 1859 and 1863 East Walnut Street, from an R-TH, Residential Townhouse District, to an HC, Highway Commercial District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 90; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.) (By: Great Southern Bank; 1859 and 1863 East Walnut Street; Z-12-2015 & Conditional Overlay District No. 90.)

Council Bill 2015-070. General Ordinance 6184 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**New Fees for Revised
Statutes of Missouri**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2015-071. A general ordinance amending the Fee Schedule for certain municipal services as provided in the Springfield City Code by adopting new fees for Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo) Chapter 353 and Chapter 99 applications, in order to recover all of the cost thereof.

Council Bill 2015-071. General Ordinance 6185 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Redevelopment Plan Termination: University Plaza Exhibition Hall and Trade Center Redevelopment Area

Sponsor: Compton. Council Bill 2015-072. A special ordinance declaring that the University Plaza Exhibition Hall and Trade Center Redevelopment Area is free of blight and that the Redevelopment Plan for said Area be terminated. (The Planning and Zoning Commission, Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority, and City staff recommend approval.)

Councilman Compton expressed his belief that the proposed is an example of how the Economic Development policy has been used to help the community.

Council Bill 2015-072. Special Ordinance 26546 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Declaring a Portion of the Southwest Missouri State College Urban Renewal Area Revitalized and No Longer Blighted

Sponsor: Compton. Council Bill 2015-073. A special ordinance declaring a portion of the former Southwest Missouri State College Urban Renewal Area generally bounded by East Cherry Street to the north, East Grand Street to the south, South National Avenue to the east, and South Holland Avenue to the west, has been revitalized and is no longer a blighted area. (The Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority and City Staff recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2015-073. Special Ordinance 26547 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

International Fire Code

Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-074. A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 54, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article II, Fire Prevention Code, Section 54-32, by amending Chapter 31 of the International Fire Code to add Sections 3103.2.1, 3103.2.2, 3103.9, and 3103.13 and establishing an effective date.

Jerry Compton moved to table Council Bill 2015-074. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion and it was discussed.

Councilman Hosmer asked why staff requested the bill be tabled. Councilman Compton responded there was some confusion over what was being amended and staff would like more time to review the proposed.

Councilman Hosmer asked if David Hall, Fire Chief, supported the tabling. Mr. Burris responded affirmatively.

The motion was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Grants:

Airport Grant for Marketing and Promotion

Sponsor: Carroll. Council Bill 2015-089. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Airport Aid Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC), by and through the Springfield-Branson National Airport Board (Airport Board), accepting grant funds in the amount of \$375,000 for air service marketing and promotion

of the Springfield-Branson National Airport and amending the budget of the Airport Board in the amount of \$416,667.

Brian Weiler, Director of Aviation, gave a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed grant would be used for air service marketing and promotion of the Airport. He expressed his belief that the increased promotion could help increase business by helping more people to decide to fly out of Springfield instead of another city.

Councilman Fishel asked if the matching funds included in the proposed would come from Airport funds or from the City's general fund. Mr. Weiler responded the funding would come from the Airport.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the discussion was closed.

Council Bill 2015-089. Special Ordinance 26548 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Emergency Bills:

Salary Ordinance

Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-104. A general ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-92 of the Springfield City Code, known as the Salary Ordinance to provide pay adjustments in the Crafts, Trades & Labor Schedule (CTL); Department Head Schedule (DHS); Professional, Administrative & Technical Schedule (PAT); Fire Protection Schedule (FPS); and Law Enforcement Schedule (LES); to eliminate the step and grade system from the DHS Schedule; and to declare an emergency.

Greg Burris, City Manager, gave a brief overview of the proposed. He expressed his belief that in order to obtain and keep high quality employees the City's salaries need to be comparable with other communities. He noted earlier this year a 3% increase was provided to employees. With 2% of the increase for merit raises and the other 1% as an "across the board" raise for all employees. Mr. Burris noted the proposed would provide another increase to most employees and would make some adjustments to the Department Head Schedule (DHS) by removing the step and grade system. He added the proposed would provide a 1.044% increase to the Crafts, Trades, and Labor Schedule (CTL), DHS, and Professional, Administrative and Technical Schedule (PAT), effective May 3, 2015. Mr. Burris noted the proposed would also provide the 1.044% increase to those on the Fire Protection Schedule (FPS), that are not represented by the International Association of Fire Fighters' (IAFF). He noted the IAFF has a "me too" provision that requires all employees receive an increase when one is given to specific employees. He added that with the approval of the recent bargaining agreement with the IAFF the City must provide an increase to all non-represented staff in the FPS to be compliant. Mr. Burris noted the proposed also includes a step increase to Step 13 on the Law Enforcement Schedule (LES). He added the proposed increase is equivalent to 1.044% for the non-bargaining positions. Mr. Burris noted the proposed would also remove the step and grade system for the DHS and enact a "pay for performance" model. He added this would give the City Manager

the ability to adjust the salaries for the DHS schedule based on performance.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the 1.044% increase was for all employees. Mr. Burris responded that it would be for almost all employees. He explained that some positions in the Police Department would not be receiving an increase at this time because of adjustments made in the recent arbitration agreement.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Sally Scheid and John Whittington spoke in support of the proposed. They each expressed their belief that the proposed is a good step towards hiring and retaining staff.

With no further appearances, the discussion was closed.

Council Bill 2015-104. General Ordinance 6186 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: Burlison*. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

*Councilman Burlison exited Council Chambers after the bill was read and returned shortly after the vote.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda One Reading Bills:

Support of Senate Bill 540 (SB540)

Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-090. A resolution stating the support of the Council of the City of Springfield for Senate Bill 540 (SB540) due to its projected positive impact on the Springfield community, and requesting that the members of Missouri General Assembly who represent the citizens of Springfield vote in favor of SB540.

Council Bill 2015-090. Resolution 10207 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

State Homeland Security Grant

Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-091. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a State Homeland Security Grant, valued at \$9,350, for tactical vests and helmets to sustain current capabilities of response to explosive-device incidents for the Bomb Squad; and declaring an emergency.

Council Bill 2015-091. Special Ordinance 26549 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Appointment of Martin Gugel to Convention and Entertainment CID

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2015-092. A resolution approving the appointment of Martin Gugel to serve on the Convention and Entertainment Community Improvement District (CID) Board of Directors. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2015-092. Resolution 10208 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

State Homeland Security Grant for Fire Department Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-093. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a State Homeland Security Grant for travel expenses to provide for sustainment of current capabilities of response related to hazardous materials in the amount of \$5,150.00; amending the budget of the Springfield Fire Department, for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, in the amount of \$3,000; and declaring an emergency.

Council Bill 2015-093. Special Ordinance 26550 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

State Homeland Security Grant for Fire Department Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-094. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a State Homeland Security Grant for warranty and computer support to provide for sustainment of current capabilities related to hazardous materials response and amending the budget provided for the Springfield Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, in the amount of \$3,800.

Council Bill 2015-094. Special Ordinance 26551 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Special Events Permit: SMBA Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-095. A resolution granting a Special Events Permit to Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association (SMBA) for May 7, 2015, for the 2015 SMBA Law Day 5K race.

Council Bill 2015-095. Resolution 10209 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Sanitary Sewer District No. 17 of Section No. 26 Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-096. A special ordinance to establish and define the boundaries and adopt the plat, plans, specifications, and sealed estimate of construction costs, and authorize acquisition of necessary right(s)-of-way, by purchase or condemnation thereof, for Sanitary Sewer District No. 17 of Section No. 26 of the main sewers of the City, located in the general vicinity of Kearney Street and Lurvey Road; further providing that all labor shall be paid the prevailing wages; and directing the City Manager, or his designee, to advertise for bids for the construction of said sewers.

Council Bill 2015-096. Special Ordinance 26552 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda Second Reading Bills:

Casket Donation Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-075. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the donation of a casket from Associated Memorials, Inc. for use in training the Springfield Fire Department Honor Guard.

Council Bill 2015-075. Special Ordinance 26553 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**2016 Annual Conference
of the Missouri Valley
Division of the IAFC**

Sponsor: Rushefsky. Council Bill 2015-076. A special ordinance accepting the bid of University Plaza Hotel in the amount of \$27,428 for conference meeting space and lodging room rates to host the 2016 Annual Conference of the Missouri Valley Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC); authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement for said space and rates; and establishing an effective date.

Council Bill 2015-076. Special Ordinance 26554 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Revised Preliminary Plat
of The Hill**

Sponsor: Fishel. Council Bill 2015-077. A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of the public streets and easements as shown on the Revised Preliminary Plat of The Hill, generally located at 2915 South Lone Pine Avenue, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with the terms of this ordinance. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

Council Bill 2015-077. Special Ordinance 26555 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Salary Ordinance
Amendments**

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2015-078. A general ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-92 of the Springfield City Code, known as the Salary Ordinance (Salary Ordinance), relating to the salary rate and pay grade for various job titles within the City of Springfield (City) Police Department (Police), as contained in the Professional, Administrative and Technical (PAT) salary schedules, by adding one new job title, Records Management System Coordinator (PAT-6); and by amending the Salary Ordinance relating to the salary rate and pay grade for one job title within the City's Information Systems Department (IS), as contained in the PAT salary schedules, by reclassifying the job title of Helpdesk Manager (PAT 9), which will result in the addition of one new job title, Helpdesk Manager (PAT 11), and the deletion of one job title, Helpdesk Manager (PAT 9).

Council Bill 2015-078. General Ordinance 6187 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Salary Ordinance
Amendments**

Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-079. A general ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-92 of the Springfield City Code, known as the salary ordinance relating to salary rates and pay grades for Department Head (DHS) pay schedules, by making provision for one new job title; creating the Department of Risk Management; and establishing an effective date for said amendments.

Council Bill 2015-079. General Ordinance 6188 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

South Creek Restoration Project

Sponsor: Compton. Council Bill 2015-085. A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the South Creek Restoration project, Plan No. 2014PW0053W, accepting the bid of Towe Construction Co., Inc., for that project, and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Council Bill 2015-085. Special Ordinance 26556 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Council confirmed the following reappointment to the Public Housing Authority: Lisa McIntire with term to expire April 11, 2018.

Council confirmed the following reappointment to the Industrial Development Authority: Sheila S. Collins with term to expire October 31, 2020.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS CURRENTLY ON THE TABLE:

Councilman Hosmer moved that the following Council Bills be removed from the table and forwarded to the 2015-2017 Council for further consideration and review:

Council Bill 2013-084
Council Bill 2013-085
Council Bill 2013-127
Council Bill 2013-323
Council Bill 2013-287
Council Bill 2014-293
Council Bill 2014-294
Council Bill 2014-295
Council Bill 2014-296
Council Bill 2015-056
Council Bill 2015-074

Councilwoman Rushefsky seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PENDING ON COUNCIL COMMITTEE CALENDARS:

Councilman Hosmer moved that all items currently on the City Council Committee schedules be forwarded to the 2015-2017 City Council Committees for their consideration. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Resolutions:

**Pit Bull Dog Rescues
from Animal Shelter**

Sponsor: Stephens. Council Bill 2015-097. A resolution approving terms of an agreement under which pit bull dogs may be rescued from the City Animal Shelter and put up for adoption.

Dan Wichmer, City Attorney, gave a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed would allow certain rescue groups to rescue pit bull dogs from the City Animal Shelter and put them up for adoption. He noted the insurance requirement was originally \$3 million, but it has been lowered to \$1 million because some rescue groups were unable to obtain the \$3 million policy.

Councilwoman Rushefsky asked if the Health Department has already adopted a policy for pit bulls to be adopted by rescue agencies. Kevin Gipson, Director of the Health Department, responded affirmatively, adding the proposed finalizes that policy and lowers the original insurance requirement.

Councilman Fishel asked if the City could be held liable for the \$2 million difference. Mr. Burris responded affirmatively.

An opportunity was given for citizens to the express their views.

The following citizens spoke in support of the proposed: Lori Steffen, Mary Crawford, and Ash Misako. They each expressed their belief that the proposed would greatly benefit the City, rescue groups, and the animals that might not have to be euthanized. They also expressed their belief that the proposed would help eliminate the “backlog” at the Animal Shelter.

With no further appearances, the discussion was closed.

Councilwoman Rushefsky asked Ms. Crawford if the proposed was on a six-month trial basis. Ms. Crawford responded affirmatively.

Councilwoman Rushefsky asked if a pit bull were adopted from a rescue group by a Springfield citizen, would they be held to the current City policies regarding pit bulls. Ms. Crawford responded affirmatively.

Councilwoman Rushefsky strongly urged Council to support the proposed.

Mayor Stephens noted he would support it because it is a six-month trial with sufficient safeguards in place.

Council Bill 2015-097. Resolution 10210 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

**Declaring Results of
April 7, 2015 Election**

Sponsor: Council. Council Bill 2015-098. A resolution declaring the results of a General Municipal Election and Special Election held on the 7th day of April, 2015 under the Home Rule Charter of the City of Springfield, Missouri.

Dan Wichmer, City Attorney, gave a brief overview of the proposed. He noted

pursuant to the City Charter the election must be certified within seven days.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the discussion was closed.

Council Bill 2015-098. Resolution 10211 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Rushefsky, Hosmer, Burlison, Compton, Carroll, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Mayor Stephens presented the exiting Councilmember's, Doug Burlison, Jerry Compton, Cindy Rushefsky, and Mike Carroll, with plaques commemorating their years of service.

Mayor Stephens adjourned the meeting Sine Die. After a short break, the Council meeting resumed.

Anita Cotter, Acting City Clerk, swore in Justin Burnett to serve as Zone 2 Councilman.

Ms. Cotter swore in Mike Schilling to serve as Zone 3 Councilman.

Ms. Cotter swore in Kristi Fulnecky to serve as General Councilwoman C.

Ms. Cotter swore in Ken McClure to serve as General Councilman D.

Ms. Cotter swore in Robert Stephens to serve as Mayor.

Roll Call

Present: Jan Fisk, Justin Burnett, Craig Hosmer, Kristi Fulnecky, Mike Schilling, Ken McClure, Craig Fishel, and Bob Stephens. Absent: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

Consent Agenda - First Reading

The Consent Agenda First Reading Bills were approved as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL BILLS CURRENTLY ON THE TABLE:

Councilman Fishel moved that the following Council Bills be tabled pending a report from City staff:

Council Bill 2013-084
Council Bill 2013-085
Council Bill 2013-127
Council Bill 2013-323
Council Bill 2013-287
Council Bill 2014-293
Council Bill 2014-294
Council Bill 2014-295
Council Bill 2014-296
Council Bill 2015-056
Council Bill 2015-074

Councilman Hosmer seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Burnett, Hosmer, Fulnecky, Schilling, McClure, Fishel, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 1.

PUBLIC HEARING

FIRST READING BILLS

EMERGENCY BILLS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

AMENDED BILLS

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following appeared on the agenda under New Business:

The City Manager recommended the following reappointment to the Art Museum Board: Kirk Elmquist with term to expire June 1, 2018.

The City Manager recommended the following appointments to the Airport Board: James B. Anderson and Dr. David P. Manuel with terms to expire June 1, 2018.

The City Manager recommended the following reappointment to the Airport Board: Thomas M. Babik with term to expire June 1, 2018.

The City Manager recommended the following reappointments to the Police Civilian Review Board: James K. Williams and Paul Kalapathy with terms to expire May 1, 2018.

Mayor Stephens recommended the appointment of Cindy Rushefsky to serve as Council's non-voting liaison to the Police Officer's and Fire Fighter's Retirement System Board of Trustees.

The issue of "Ban the Box" was referred to the Community Involvement Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda First Reading Bills:

Signature Authority

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2015-099. A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General, Section 2-3, Persons authorized to enter agreements on behalf of city, to clarify the signature authority of the assistant city manager, and to increase the authority of the City Manager to enter into certain contracts on behalf of the City.

**Persons Authorized to
Enter Agreements on
Behalf of City**

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2015-100. A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General, Section 2-3, Persons authorized to enter agreements on behalf of city, to authorize the Director of Public Works and the Director of Environmental Services to enter into emergency field directives for their respective departments.

**Jefferson-Olive Parking
Garage Project
Redevelopment**

Sponsor: Fishel. Council Bill 2015-101. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an amendment to Jefferson-Olive Parking Garage Project Redevelopment and Lease Agreement with Downtown Springfield Properties, LLC (DSP) concerning the provision of free public parking.

**Monitoring Well with
Environmental Works**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2015-102. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a License Agreement for Monitoring Well with Environmental Works, Inc. (EW), for the purpose of allowing EW to install and maintain (at no cost to the City) a monitoring well on the public right-of-way on Fort Avenue south of Sunshine Street to monitor groundwater conditions.

**Republic Road Widening
Phase 2 Project**

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2015-103. A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Republic Road Widening Phase 2 project, accepting the bid of Hartman and Company, Inc., for that project, and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.